

**GPA, San Diego FAA Safety Team presents:**

# **International Flying Adventures to Mexico Central America and Border Xing Procedures**

Join us to hear Paul Kortopates, Lead FAAS Team Rep, CFI-I, A&P/IA, Miramar College Aviation Instructor and GA pilot for over 30 years. He'll speak about the many flying adventures awaiting any pilot flying south of the border. He'll cover the details, using a fun example near and far for long weekend example to pet whales and a multi-week adventure to Panama. Flying south is very different from flying in the US with unexpected risks and pitfalls; especially complying with US, Mexican and Central America countries cross border requirements. Baja destination runways are often dirt. Amenities such as constant contact with ATC, radar coverage and ADS-B weather disappear shortly after crossing the border. Additionally, VFR and IFR have different rules. Paul will discuss how to mitigate the different risks inherent in flying in south of the border. He'll also guide us through the seemingly complex border crossing procedures. He has been flying to Mexico and further afield for over 20 years in his Mooney, including Central America, Bahamas, Canada and Cuba. He has done many Mexico checkouts flights for pilots wanting to get first-hand experience before taking friends and family down. He'll also provide a taste of the fun adventures awaiting pilots in pictures. Flying south isn't limited to the aircraft

## Event Details

**Tue, Jun 20, 2023 - 18:30 PDT**

**SEE Terminal Building**

1960 Joe Crosson Drive

Door open at 6pm

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owner, and he'll also discuss how a rental pilot can rent planes permitted to fly into Mexico. There will be time for Q&A after the presentation.

**Directions:** From the 67 Highway exit on Bradley and go West on W Bradley,  
Turn right on Floyd Smith Dr and then turn right again onto Joe Crosson Dr and take it north to the end where the terminal building and parking will be on the left.

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